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URGENT ACTION

EXTERNAL **AI Index: ASA 21/33/97**

UA 129/97 **Possible "disappearance" / Fear for safety** **2 May 1997**

EAST TIMOR
Domingos Laranjeira (36)
Marcelino Fransisco dos Santos (29)
Jose Sobral (40)
Fransisco Maria dos Santos (alias Soce Solep) (40)

Four East Timorese, believed to have been arrested on 30 March 1997, have not been seen since. There are serious concerns for their safety.

According to unconfirmed information, Domingos Laranjeira, Marcelino Fransisco dos Santos, Jose Sobral and Fransisco Maria dos Santos stopped on their motorbikes at a security checkpoint in the subdistrict of Atabae Kabupatan Bobonara in the west of East Timor where they were arrested and taken to Dili. Their families have had no information about the four men since then.

The lack of information about their whereabouts and reasons for their arrest also raises fears that they may be killed or "disappeared". Amnesty International is also concerned that the if in custody, the four may be subjected to torture or ill-treatment - routine both in police and military custody in East Timor.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Arbitrary detention, torture, "disappearance" and extrajudicial executions of individuals suspected of links with the resistance continue in East Timor. Individuals taken into both police and military custody are routinely subjected to ill-treatment and torture, particularly during interrogation. The risk of torture is heightened because detainees are generally denied access to legal counsel and to their families. In addition, restrictions are placed by the Indonesian authorities on access to East Timor for independent human rights monitors.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/express/airmail letters in Bahasa Indonesia, English or your own language:
- urging the authorities to establish and make public the whereabouts of Domingos Laranjeira, Marcelino Fransisco dos Santos, Jose Sobral and Fransisco Maria dos Santos, and to give the reasons for their arrest;
- seeking guarantees that if the four are still in custody none of them will be subjected to torture or ill-treatment and urging that they be allowed immediate and continuing access to their families and to lawyers.

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East Timor (Indonesia)
Telegrams: Kapolda Timor Timur, Dili, East Timor
Salutation: Dear Lt. Col Mucharam

Military Commander Region IX/Udayana
(Covers Bali, Lombok, Nusa Tenggara and East Timor)
Major General Rivai
Pangdam IX/Udayana
Markas Besar KODAM IX/Udayana
Denpasar, Bali
Indonesia
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Salutation: Dear Major General Rivai

COPIES TO:

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and to diplomatic representatives of Indonesia accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 20 June 1997.